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City Council Representative Claudia Ordaz Hosts National Lights On After School Celebration

4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at Del Valle Elementary School

El Paso, Texas - The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department will host a National Lights on Afterschool Program Celebration at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at Del Valle Elementary School, 9251 Escobar Dr. Guest speaker will be City Council Representative Claudia Ordaz.

Each year the Department highlights an After School Program for a celebration through Lights On, which is now in the 15th year of existence. This spotlights the many business, civic partners and volunteers around the country that make After School Programs such a vital component of children and their parents lives. Locally Afterschool programs keep children safe, help working families and also inspire learning.

The Parks and Recreation Department administers Afterschool Programs at the following elementary public schools in the city, Ascarate, Burleson, Coldwell, Cooley, Crosby, Del Norte Heights, Del Valle, Douglass, Dowell, Moreno, Roberts, Rusk, Stanton, Thomas Manor, Travis, Vilas and Ysleta Elementary. The Department also hosts at 15 Recreation Centers, the now named drop in After School Program called "Connect".

The Braden Aboud Foundation has donated monies to many civic causes in the community including the Parks and Recreation After School Program. Braden Aboud a popular student at Lincoln Middle School passed away in January of 2007 and his family created the Braden Aboud Foundation shortly thereafter.

Speakers at the event include, Representative Ordaz, El Paso Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Novak, and Lisa Lopez, Del Valle Elementary School Principal.

The festivities will be highlighted by Miss El Paso USA, Victoria Sinclair and Miss El Paso Teen USA, Tulasi Gopalan in attendance along with UTEP athletes.

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